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Two Senators Fight To Probe the CIA

Two U. S. Senators seek to uncover some of the mystery in the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency, at least, anyway, by bringing it under closer Congressional scrutiny. Said Sen. Stephen M. Young, D., Ohio: "Wrapped in its cloak of secrecy, the CIA has, in effect, been making foreign policy. In so doing, it has assumed responsibilities which were heretofore solely those of the President and Congress." He added, "The CIA has gradually taken on the character of an invisible government, answerable only to itself." Young introduced in the Senate a proposal to establish a permanent, joint Senate-House committee to oversee CIA operations. Fellow Sen. Sugene J. McCarthy, D., Minn., called for "full and complete study" by Congress of the effects of CIA operations on the foreign relations of the United States. He said all Federal agencies—except the CIA—are subject to Congressional review, usually on an annual basis. There has been no such investigation of the CIA, however, for nearly 20 years, McCarthy said.

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